Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Am I to understand that even if a person do not make use of the water he is also to pay water tax?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: The whole municipality is charged and not particular individuals in a municipality. It is supposed that the Alleppey Municipality is to provide the necessary funds.

Foot bridges in Pulinkunoo in Ambalapuzha.

71. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have given contract for the reconstruction or construction of certain foot-bridges in Pulinkunnoo in Ambalapuzha;

(*b*) if so, when the contract was given and for whom it was given;

(*c*) whether the first contractor has gone away or gone back from the contract;

(*d*) whether one Mr. T. T. Thomas has been given the contract subsequently, and if so when;

(*e*) whether any timber and cement were supplied to that contractor for that work;

(*f*) whether they have received any representations from the people of the locality that the Contractor has not built the Maliampurakkal bridge in Pulinkunnoo and that the people are experiencing difficulty by the demolition of the old bridge and non-construction of the new;

(*g*) if so, when was it received and what action has been taken on it; and

(*h*) whether they have enquired whether the contractor has the articles supplied by Government with him now?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 10-12-1942. Mr. P. O. Hussan Kutty, P. W. D. Contractor, Alleppey.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) One Mr. T. T. Antony was given the contract subsequently on 28-1-1944.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 8-9-1944. The revised estimate for the work is under preparation.

(*h*) Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know why the preparation of the estimates has been delayed from 8-9-1944 after knowing that the bridge has been demolished from 28-1-1944?

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Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: The actual contract was given to one who was found to be increasing the rates very often and in the end he failed to take up the work. Therefore the work has been recently entrusted with another. That is the position.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether it is possible to complete the foot-bridge within the next three or four months ?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: I hope so.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: In answer to part (*h*) what is the result of the investigation ?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: The materials supplied by Government are still with him.

Excise Guards working as typists.

72. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Excise Guards have been entrusted with typing work in the Excise Department, and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether such Guards are favoured with any kind of allowance for the work ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, at Rs. 5 per mensem.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: എക്സൈസ് ഗാർഡിൽനിന്നും ഇപ്പോൾ കാരം ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റ് വേലക്കു നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരിൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ള ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റ് ഒഴിവുകളിൽ നിയമിക്കുന്നകാര്യം ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: ഒഴിവുകാം ഉണ്ടാകുമ്പോാം പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസ് റൂം അനുസരിച്ച നിയമനം നടത്തുന്നതാണ്.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഗാർഡു ജോലിയിലിരിക്കുന്നവരെ ഇപ്പോാം ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റ് ജോലിക്കു ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ കൂടുതൽ ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റുമാരുടെ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ഒരുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ പുതിയതായി നാലു ടൈപ്പിസ്റ്റന്മാരെക്കൂടെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള തുക കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു.

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